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1. Differences have arisen recently between the Najjadah (the largest Moslem young men's organization in Lebanon) and the Talayi' (Shi'a Moslem youth organization) over the Palestine question - the results of the Jericho resolutions and the necessity of continuing to fight in Palestine. Some of the Najjadah leaders, including the head, Dr. Imhyi-al-Din Barghut, want Lebanon to make preparations, as Syria is doing, to resume fighting in Palestine. The Najjadah organization has decided to urge the Lebanese people, through propaganda and demonstrations, to join the fighting, furnish necessary aid, and put pressure on the Lebanese Government to support the resumption of real warfare.
2. In line with this plan, a Najjadah delegation visited Deputy Rashid Baydun, the leader of the Talayi' organization, and asked him to support the Najjadah decision. Baydun replied, "I believe that the organizations cannot support the fight against the Jews or others, because of the lack of trained men with military experience and arms and equipment comparable to those of the Jews. In my view, one or two Arab states cannot beat the Jews, if they do not effectively collaborate with all the Arab countries. We must leave the matter to the Arab League to decide." Dr. Barghut angrily replied, "Each one of us must do his duty in order to be an example to others."
3. Following much debate and discussion, the delegation left, very much dissatisfied with what it considered to be Baydun's negative attitude.

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